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Mr. Bob Wyatt Northwest Natural 220 NW Second Avenue Portland, OR 97209

Subject: Source Control

Northwest Natural - GASCO Facility & Siltronic Facility

ECSI #84 and # 183

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your September 9, 2005 letter which proposes a modified schedule for the source control tasks requested in the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) August 2, 2005 and August 9, 2005 letters to Northwest Natural. The proposed schedule, with the exception of the groundwater source control Focused Feasibility Study (FFS), is approved.

The September 9th letter is unclear regarding the proposed schedule for completion of the draft Gasco and Siltronic groundwater source control FFS (Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis equivalent). The letter indicates that the draft FFS would not be completed until after the completion of the proposed off-shore plume delineation work. The attached Draft Source Control Activity Related Schedule indicates that the groundwater source control FFS would not be prepared until after the completion of the physical removal of the off-shore tar deposit scheduled to be complete by the end of October. Per the DEQ August 9, 2005 letter which addresses source control under DEQ Order No. ECVC-NWR-00-27, DEQ requires that the groundwater source control FFS be provided to DEQ within 45 days of DEQ providing comments on the technical memorandum which identifies the applicable groundwater source control technologies and alternatives.

I would also like to clarify that the submittals for the Gasco MW-16 area DNAPL source control Focused Feasibility technology screening and the Gasco and Siltronic groundwater source control Focused Feasibility technology screening not be limited to just the identification of the remedial technologies, but that the documents include the applicable remedial source control alternatives that are proposed for evaluation in the FFS.

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Please contact me at (503) 229-5538 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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